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FM USDEL MTN GENEVA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2260  
INFO AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM  
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EO 11652: NA  
TAGS: ETRD MTN  
SUBJ: GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

1. AT REQUEST OF SWEDISH DEL (LEMMEL) US DEL MET TO DISCUSS HOW WE PLAN TO PROCEED ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT (GP) IN HE MTN. LEMMEL IS NEW TO SUBJECT AND WAS INTERESTED MORE IN NEGOTIATING STRATEGY THAN SUBSTANCE.

2. LEMMEL INQUIRED ABOUT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MTN WORK ON GP AND CONTINUED WORK IN THE OECD. HE NOTED THAT STOCKHOLM WAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS IN MTN SUBGROUP, AND WONDERED HOW WE MIGHT BEST PROCEED. HE THOUGHT WORK IN OECD HAD NOW REACHED THE NEGOTIATING STAGE, AND THAT SWEDEN WAS INTERESTED IN IMPLEMENTING  
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THE DRAFT CODE IN MORE OR LESS ITS CURRENT FORM.

3. WE REPLIED THAT IN OUR OPINION WORK HAD NOT BEEN PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY IN OECD, AND THAT WE HOPED THAT THE MTN DISCUSSIONS WOULD BRING DELEGATIONS INTO A NEGOTIATING CONTEXT. WE EMPHASIZED THAT BILATERAL AND PLURILATERAL TALKS AMONG MAJOR COUNTRIES WERE

MUCH MORE IMPORTANT AND USEFUL AT THIS STAGE, AND THAT FORMAL MEETINGS SHOULD ONLY BE USED TO LEGITIMIZE THE RESULTS OF SUCH TALKS. HOWEVER, WE INDICATED THAT WE WOULD KEEP ALL OPTIONS OPEN AND COULD REVERT TO TCWP IF WORK BOGS DOWN IN SUBGROUP. WE ADDED THAT, SO FAR, INDICATIONS FROM MAJOR LDC DELS (INDIA, MEXICO) DO NOT POINT TO ANY RADICAL DEPARTURES FROM PRINCIPLES AND ELEMENTS DISCUSSED IN THE OECD. FINALLY, WE STATED THAT FIRST FEW SUBGROUP MEETINGS WOULD BE "EDUCATIONAL" FOR NON-OECD MEMBERS AND THAT WE WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO EVALUATE NEGOTIATING PROSPECTS AFTER THESE SUBGROUP MEETINGS. WALKER

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